

TORRANCE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Byrnes of Carson street, entertained at dinner a party of fourteen relatives Christmas eve.

Mrs. R. E. Sweet of the El Prado Apartments, is at work again at the Rappaport Dry Goods Store, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Mary E. Roberts with Rolly Roberts and children of El Monte were over-Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts at the El Prado Apartments.

Forum and Board Meeting Combined

Monday, January 15, is to be a red letter day, or rather night, in the history of the Torrance chamber of commerce, for at that time the public forum will be held.

While the By-Laws of the organization say the annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held between the first and fifteenth of January, the latter date was the only open one at the Legion Hall and it was decided to combine the annual directors' meeting and the public forum.

Notice to this effect is being sent each member by Secretary Gadeky, who states in the letter that among other things to be settled is the question of the eligibility of women to become members of the organization, and the fixing of the yearly dues.

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Illuminated Sign On Torrance Road

One of the many matters that will be brought to the attention of the new chamber of commerce board of directors at the meeting January 15 will be the matter of installing illuminated signs at the Redondo, Lomita, and Western avenue entrances to Torrance.

A large Los Angeles sign company has made the directors a tentative offer to install electric-lighted signs, controlled by clock-work for approximately \$200 each at one or more of these points.

This company has installed two in Compton. On the side facing Long Beach boulevard is the word "Compton" in twenty-inch illuminated letters, and on the reverse side, facing the traveler as he leaves the town the words "Call Again" in ten-inch letters is shown.

VONDERAHE HOUSE COMPLETED

The new Vonderahe building on Cabrillo street, that has been leased for a term of years to Mrs. Farley Johnson, will be completed this week, and turned over to its proprietress today or tomorrow.

Miss Gladys Crossett, Edward Curran and J. A. Johnson were Christmas guests of Mrs. A. B. Doughty of San Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bustamante of Sawtelle were over Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Inman of Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hutchins of Andrea avenue entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brose and Mrs. Frank Moore of Los Angeles Christmas day.

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Drink Water If Kidneys Hurt

Take a tablespoonful of Salts if Back pains or Bladder bothers.

Too much meat may produce uric acid, says a well-known authority, who warns us to be constantly on guard against kidney trouble.

The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork; they get sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to poison the entire system.

When your kidneys ache and feel like lumps of lead, and you have stinging pains in the back, or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or the bladder is irritable, obliging you to seek relief during the night; when you have severe headaches, nervous and dizzy spells, sleeplessness, acid stomach or rheumatism in bad weather, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning, and in a few days your kidneys may act fine.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and can not injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water-drink, and nobody can make a mistake by taking a little occasionally to help to keep the kidneys clean and active. Drink plenty of water at all times.

True Detective Stories OUT OF THE AIR

SOMEWHERE, somehow, the Germans were getting messages through from the United States to the fatherland. That much was certain. Washington knew it beyond the shadow of a doubt, but the way in which the messages were transmitted was a mystery—dark and apparently unfathomable.

This was in the days before America entered the war, in the days when the United States was, theoretically at least, a neutral nation. But Von Bernstorff, Von Papen and the rest of the embassy at Washington were doing everything they could to further their schemes from this side of the Atlantic.

But not even the secret service could penetrate the mystery of the messages. That these were flashed from the huge wireless towers on this side of the Atlantic, or relayed from the German radio stations, seemed fairly obvious. But how?

"They must be sending the stuff through the air," argued the chief of the secret service to Talbot, one of his best men, "for the simple reason that we've closed all their other channels."

"Any idea as to the code they are using?" asked Talbot.

"None at all, but it's probably concealed somewhere in the messages which they send out to the ships at sea—press bulletins, stock quotations, and the like. We've studied them carefully, but haven't been able to find a thing."

"How about the outburst from Nauens every morning?"

"The only explanation for that seems to be that it's an attempt to 'fog the air' so that ships and other towers can't get anything through."

"Yes, but in that case would the Germans send it for an hour early every morning? Why not all day long? And why that hash of language that doesn't mean a thing? If they were trying to fog things they'd wireless the Bible or Nietzsche or excerpts from some other long book instead of that mess of meaningless rot."

"All right," retorted the chief, "if you think there's a clue there, go to it." But Talbot didn't begin his investigations with a study of the Nauens "hash." He made his way at first to the laboratory of Charles E. Appar, a deep student of wireless telegraphy. It was to Appar that he told his troubles and, when he had finished, the expert leaned forward and picked up something from the table in front of him.

"See that?" Appar asked. Talbot nodded.

"Looks like an old-fashioned cylindrical phonograph record," he said.

"Just what it is," admitted the expert, "only you use it in connection with a wireless phonograph."

"A wireless phonograph?" and the government operative's voice showed that he had never heard of such a contrivance.

"Yes, a phonograph attached to the receiving end of a radio station. I finished working on it a few days ago, and I think it's just what you need for this job. It will record and keep track of every sound that comes into the station, enabling you to listen in on messages months after they have been sent. With a supply of these records and the necessary patience you ought to be able to figure out the system the Huns are using, without their being any the wiser. It may take weeks or even months, but it's just a question of being everlastingly at it."

Appar was right. Talbot found that it took him nearly four months to get on to the system—four months of ceaseless listening-in at the end of a De Forest audion detector which picks up sound waves from thousands of miles away, and even then he would never have located the secret had it not been for the wax cylinders. But with the aid of these automatic detectives he was able to repeat each message until he had it almost by heart, trying out the various combinations and symbols until he stumbled across the right one.

Then, one morning, when the chief of the secret service least expected him, he burst into the office with the exclamation:

"I've got it—the fifth, tenth and fifteenth flashes! See?" and he held out a sheet of paper on which were row upon row of figures and letters, commencing with "5-8-K-14-B."

"Looks interesting," admitted the chief, "but what does it mean?"

"Got a German dictionary here? No—well, I have. Luckily it's an old edition—just the one they're using for the code. The letters give the numbers of the pages, and the figures designate the words, the big ones in bold type. Five and eight K means the fifth and eighth words on page eleven, 14 B means the fourteenth word on page two, and so on. By spacing 'em so far apart in the meaningless wireless messages—or even in the press bulletins sent out from this side—they are able to fill in with lots of stuff to throw you off the scent. But the code's simple enough—that's what makes it such a wonder!"

And it wasn't until Von Bernstorff received his sailing orders that he knew the secret service had been plucking his messages and his instructions out of the air, through the ingenious use of a wax phonograph cylinder.

THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE DAYS OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO EACH OF YOU THE NEW YEAR'S WISH OF THE First National Bank of Torrance, Calif.

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TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PASADENA MONDAY - - - - - JAN. 1 ANNUAL FLORAL PAGEANT Staged by the "Crown City" on New Year's Day

FOOTBALL GAME (East vs. West) PENN STATE vs. U. S. C. New-Tournament of Roses Stadium BETTER START EARLY-AVOID LAST MINUTE RUSH PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

REDONDO BEACH "Cooler in Summer ~ Warmer in Winter" Free Street Carnival And Dance NEW YEAR'S EVE, DEC. 31. Serpentine and Confetti Battles, Balloon Showers, Yama Yama Girls, Peppy Jazz Music COME AND DANCE THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN.

Torrance Theatre Show Starts Every Evening at 8:30. Second Performance at 8:30 Adults 25c-Including Tax-Children under 15 years, 10c SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1 Wesley Barry, in "RAGS TO RICHES" Clyde Cook, in "The Eskimo" Pathe News TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2-3 Katherine McDonald, in "HER SOCIAL VALUE" Lee Moran, in "Short Weight" Bruce Scenic THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 4-5 Harry Carey, in "THE KICK BACK" You'll thrill to your soul! You'll grip your chair! You'll want to leap up and shout! SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 "THE RIGHT WAY" Rarest Film Treat of All Time. "In the Days of Buffalo Bill" Chapter 13 "Splitting Hairs" and is now looking for the... Coming January 9-10 Modern Woodmen of America Nights Pictures and Vaudeville

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